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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03495-0194-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MAVROMARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 10/664,038) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Filed: September 17, 2003)
For: NUCLEIC ACIDS AND NEW)
POLYPEPTIDES ASSOCIATED)
WITH AND/OR OVERLAPPING)
WITH HEPATITIS C VIRUS CORE)
GENE PRODUCTS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 20, 2003. A fee of \$1,480.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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